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AND WHEREAS, 3M Innovative Properties Company, a corporation of the State of Delaware, having its principal office and place of business at P.O. Box 33427, St. Paul, Minnesota 55133-3427, U.S.A., is desirous of acquiring the right, title and interest in, to and under said patents and the inventions covered thereby;

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